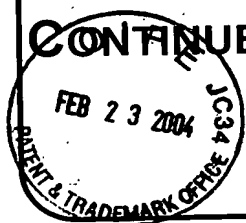


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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/667,802
	Filing Date	September 22, 2000
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	Art Unit	2122
	Examiner Name	KISS, ERIC B.
	Attorney Docket Number	4495-006



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on January 22, 2004  
(Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on -----

iii. ☐ Other: -----

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other: -----

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ----- months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other: -----

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$770.00

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) - \$110.00

iii. ☐ Other: -----

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